

DRIVEN TO SUICIDE BY INSANITY

John Hiebing Sets Fire to Mattress and
Blankets in County Jail; Succumbs
from Suffocation Soon After
Deed is Discovered

RAVING MAN WRECKS CONTENTS OF CELL

Dementia Developed Sunday and Arrest
Made by City Officers; Victim Became
Violent Early in Evening; Rela-
tives are Notified

Raving for his freedom, John Hiebing, while in the grasp of dementia last night set fire to his mattress and blankets in his cell at the county jail, where he was being held pending an inquiry into his sanity, and successfully carried out the deed he had made to Jailer Dryden earlier in the evening that "I'll be free, free, free by morning."

Hiebing was arrested by police officers Sunday night at his residence, 1502 South Twelfth street, and turned over to the county authorities to be investigated as to his sanity. The insanity board would possibly have held its inquiry today.

Hiebing seems to have been quiet and harmless until late yesterday evening, when his dementia assumed the violent form. Undersheriff Rucker stated this morning that about 9 o'clock last night Hiebing could be heard raving and making demands for his release.

Later in the night Jailer Dryden having occasion to pass the cell, in the female department, wherein Hiebing was confined, could hear the insane man shouting in frenzied threats to break out and kill the jailer and "everyone between here and Chickasha."

Between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning Mr. Dryden again was called into the jail's corridor. He smelled smoke and investigation found it was coming from the cell wherein Hiebing was confined.

Throwing open the wooden door leading to the run around in the center of which the cage sits, Mr. Dryden was almost suffocated by the dense smoke which poured forth to meet him. Calling Bud Gibbs, sleeping in a room in the second story of the jail, Mr. Dryden unlocked the door of the cage and, with the assistance of Mr. Gibbs, dragged Hiebing out into the jail's corridor. The man only gasped once or twice after being dragged from his cell, and expired.

Investigation developed that the insane man had wrecked everything that could be destroyed in his cell. The cot had been torn and smashed into smithereens; the lavatory had the water taps wrenched from their holdings; the commode was bereft of the wooden appendages and a piece of the wooden parts of the cot driven into the valve seatings; the electric light has been torn away from its fastenings to the top of the bars of the cage.

After having wrecked his cell Hiebing had piled the hair mattress taken from the cot, and the blankets in a corner of the cage and set fire to them. The fire had smoldered, never having broken into a blaze, and the dense smoke had poured into the lungs of the unfortunate man and suffocated him.

Hiebing's body was removed to the undertaking establishment of Claycomb and Anderson. Chief Phillips of the police force, and Sid Anderson personally notified the family of the unfortunate victim of his own folly Theodore Hiebing, a brother of the dead man, residing at Nichols, Ia., and George Bullitt, a deputy sheriff at Iowa City, Ia., a brother of Mrs. Hiebing, have been wired. Funeral arrangements will not be announced until one or both these have been heard from.

DEATH AT TUTTLE.

Harvey E. Green Jr., 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Green, died suddenly at the home of his parents at Tuttle at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The lad had been sick only a few hours, suffering with heart trouble. The body was shipped to Oklahoma City for burial this morning.

POSSESSION OF SLAUGHTER GIRL IN CONTROVERSY

By United Press.
DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 25.—A controversy has developed over the possession of Dorothy Slaughter, aged 10, daughter of Connie Slaughter of Pueblo, Colo., who disappeared after he was indicted following the failure of his bank there several months ago.

W. B. Slaughter, father of Connie was also indicted and he was alleged to have the girl at Purcell, Okla. He said he had the verbal permission of the girl's mother to care for her.

The girl's maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Oakes of Ardmore, allege that they have a written agreement giving them similar rights. Connie Slaughter was supposed to be in Mexico.

It was learned today that Slaughter is in jail at Ardmore and has started habeas corpus proceedings for the possession of the child. It develops that he dressed the girl in boy's clothing to evade detection after he stole her from the Oakes' home there. A negro porter on the Santa Fe penetrated the disguise.

EVIDENCE IN WRIGHT CASE ENDS

Arguments Scheduled to Occupy Several
Hours This Afternoon; Trial of Hugh
Pope, Charged with Murder,
Set to Start Tomorrow

Following the examination of witnesses for the prosecution in the case of the State of Oklahoma vs. A. B. Wright, the examination of witnesses for the defense was taken up in the district court this morning. All witnesses were examined, the jury charged and the matter ready for arguments of attorneys at 11:50 this morning when court recessed until one o'clock.

During the afternoon hours of yesterday and the morning hours of today the court room was crowded with a morbidly curious crowd, assembled to satisfy the longing of humankind in listening to the revolting details of one of the most sordid cases ever brought to trial in this section of Oklahoma.

Probably the entire afternoon session of the court will be occupied in hearing the argument of the counsel for the state and prosecution. With three attorneys for the state and two for the defense, each loaded to the muzzle with pentup oratory, it is hardly possible that less than five hours will be devoted to forensic display.

In the matter of the State of Oklahoma vs. Hugh Pope, set for trial on today's docket, Judge Linn reset the case for trial tomorrow and ordered all witnesses in the case excused until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Pope is charged with the killing of one Chittwood during the month of June, 1915, in Minco, Grady county, Oklahoma. Over a score of Minco's citizens have been subpoenaed as witnesses for either the state or the defense in this case.

WILSON COMMITTED TO TARIFF COMMISSION

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—It was officially announced today that President Wilson has committed himself to the forming of a tariff commission for the purpose of investigating conditions relative to needed changes in duties from time to time.

According to the president's plan, the proposed commission would submit recommendations to congress, calling for tariff schedules suited to all demands.

WEATHER ELSEWHERE.

Western Union reports received at 8 a. m.:
Oklahoma—Generally clear temperature, 54 to 64.
Texas—Generally cloudy temperature, 38 to 63.

ADVANCES OF BRITISH REPULSED

Turks Reinforced by Artillery from Bagdad
and Balk Efforts to Get Relief to
Beleaguered Garrison; Surrender Predicted

GERMAN AVIATORS BOMBARD DUNKIRK

Tעות Aeroplane Brought Down; French
Submarine Sinks Turkish Imperial Yacht
with German Field Marshal on
Board But All Saved

By United Press.
BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Advices received here state that the Turkish forces east of Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, have been reinforced by the arrival of artillery from Bagdad.

It is claimed that the Turks have repulsed every attempt of the British to advance to the relief of General Townsend's beleaguered garrison.

Floods of the Tigris river have rendered the water from wells in that vicinity unfit for drinking purposes. Dispatched from Bagdad predict that the beleaguered British troops will soon be forced to surrender as a result of the exhaustion of water, food, and ammunition.

Dunkirk is Attacked.
By United Press.
LONDON, Jan. 25.—The admiralty announced today that two German aeroplanes bombarded the French seaport of Dunkirk this morning. The extent of the damage was not stated.

It was reported that two hours later a German aeroplane was shot down at Neuport, several miles from Dunkirk.

Sink Turk Vessel.
By United Press.
ATHENS, Jan. 25.—From persons arriving here from Constantinople today it was learned that a French submarine sank the imperial Turkish yacht Ethrogroal in the Bosphorus four weeks ago.

It is said that all the passengers aboard the yacht, including Field Marshal Von Goltz, were rescued. The latter was supposed to be en route to take command of the Turks at Bagdad.

Emperor Seriously Ill.

By United Press.
LONDON, Jan. 25.—The London and Paris newspapers today published reports stating that Emperor Franz Josef of Austria is seriously ill. All the dispatches emanated from Rome and there was no confirmation from Austrian sources.

Regain Lost Trenches.
By United Press.
PARIS, Jan. 25.—The war office admitted today that the German's penetrated advanced trenches in a new offensive at the mouth of the Yser, but states that the enemy was later driven out.

Bombard Bulgarian Camp.
By United Press.
SALONIKA, Jan. 25.—Sixteen French aviators again bombarded Ghevgell, killing and wounding many and damaging the Bulgarian camp.

R. R. WATCHMAN IS FOUND DEAD

By United Press.
DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 25.—John Burke, watchman for the Texas & Houston Central Railway company, was found dead at the approach to the Trinity river trestle this morning.

Burke's skull was fractured and he had apparently been strangled. It is believed that robbery was the motive for the crime.

COURT HOUSE WEDDING.

Just before closing time yesterday afternoon, Deputy Clerk Miss Mabel Linda, was called upon to issue a marriage license to Earl Walker, aged 21, and Miss Beatrice Hilton, aged 21, both of Anadarko. Judge Moore, being

ITALIAN AUTOMOBILE BATTERY READY FOR ACTION



Italian automobile brigade of long-range guns ready for action against the Austrians. The guns are mounted on heavy motor cars and can be moved rapidly for great distances.

CARRANZA CAPITAL AT QUERETARO

Chief of de Facto Government Plans Election of Congress Before Moving to Mexico City; Villa Reported to Be Recruiting Cavalry

By United Press.
EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 25.—According to information reaching here today, Carranza is trying to establish the de facto government effectively with headquarters at Queretaro, one hundred and ten miles northwest of Mexico City.

It is also learned that the first chief of Mexico plans to call an election of the members of congress and that his capital will be re-established at Mexico City after the elections have been held.

Villa is reported to be recruiting a new cavalry regiment, having visited the Hearst ranch in Chihuahua, where he confiscated horses and food supplies.

Reports say the Carranza governor of Chihuahua has taken direct charge of the sale of food stuffs to prevent dealers from charging extortionate prices.

LUSITANIA DEAL TAKES NEW TURN

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The White house indicated today that Germany's latest note gave the Lusitania negotiations an unsatisfactory turn.

It was stated that the printed forecasts of the note showing complete concessions of the American demands were "unjustified by facts."

It was revealed that the note was delivered to Secretary Lansing by Ambassador Bernstorff Saturday and by the former to President Wilson today. The latter placed it before the cabinet.

The president today changed his time for leaving for New York from tomorrow at noon till tomorrow in order to confer with Lansing in the afternoon.

DECLINE TO TELL COST OF PRODUCT

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The armor plate manufacturers today flatly refused to tell the senate committee on naval affairs the actual cost of their product.

As a result the hearing by which the plate makers hoped to postpone the report on the government plate bill is practically ended. The bill for government plate making will probably be favorably reported.

called by phone, hastened to the court house and spoke for the happy couple the words which made them man and wife.

DESIGNATE RELIEF DAY FOR JEWS

President Sets Aside January 27 for Observance, Asking for Relief for War Sufferers in Europe; Lubman Selected as Local Treasurer

By United Press.
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"This action is without precedent in American history, and the nation, in thus evidencing its sympathy for our brethren, and urging all to join for the relief of the Jews in the war zones, has set Jews of America an example which they dare not ignore."

"Let it not be said of a single Jew in the land that he is less interested in the fate of the millions of his stricken co-religionists abroad than are his Christian brethren. Let January 27 be solemnized and made a day for contributions from Jew and Christian alike—from rich and poor."

The letter from the committee, from which the above extract is taken, is signed by Louis Marshall, chairman, of New York.

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When interviewed in the matter, both Mr. Erlich and Mr. Lubman were desirous of urging the importance of donating something to the cause. No matter how small the donation may be, each stated, it will be received with thankfulness and the donor may feel happy in knowing that his gift will go toward the amelioration of the sufferings of some unfortunate, bereft of home, friends and all in the terrible wars now raging across the waters of the mighty Atlantic.

DELAY FUNERAL TILL RELATIVES ARRIVE

Wires received from near relatives of Peter Ismert, who died at his residence in Chickasha at noon yesterday, state that they will be here for the funeral.

Mrs. E. M. Cooper, only daughter of Mr. Ismert, wired from Los Angeles that she would leave that city for Chickasha tonight. J. E. Vilim, a relative residing at Wichita, Kan., wired that he would also be here. Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hinckle of Pinckneyville, Ill., will also be here and a wire received by Claycomb and Anderson this morning from T. I. Ismert, a nephew residing in Kansas City, Kan., stated that himself and wife would arrive in Chickasha today.

Funeral arrangements will not be announced, it has been stated, until after the arrival of Mrs. Cooper, the daughter.

WORD WAR OVER "PREPAREDNESS" ENDS IN BLOWS

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ARGUMENT IN PAVING CASE IS CONCLUDED

Information from Oklahoma City this morning was that the arguments in the Chickasha paving case would be concluded before the supreme court today. All of the attorneys except Alger Melton of this city concluded their arguments yesterday.

The present hearing is on a motion for a rehearing of the case in the supreme court. It is possible that an immediate decision will be handed down, but it is thought more likely that the court will take the matter under advisement for fuller consideration of the case.

CAREER OF COCOS KING IS CLOSED

Ruler of Original Comic Opera Realm
Passes Away in Land of Palms in
South Seas After Reign of
Many Years

SUPREME SWAY OVER TWENTY ISLANDS

Roving Scotchman Becomes Star Actor in
Romance of Real Life; Triumphs
Over Rival and Reigns as
Absolute Monarch

By WILBUR S. FORREST.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
LONDON, Jan. 8.—(By Mail.)—The news that King Ross of the Cocos Islands has laid him down in the shade of the palms and died was cabled here today. The brief message rings down the curtain upon the last act of the first ruler of the real, original comic opera kingdom—The Land of Cocos—which lies upon the shimmering silver lap of the South seas, a diminutive emerald world in a setting of pink coral reefs. Andy Ross was a Scotch adventurer who, after a roving youth, discovered and decided to cast his lot as king with the motley inhabitants of the little story book kingdom.

From 1827 until his death he was the oddest king, with the queerest subjects and the most extraordinary domain in all the world. His was a kingdom where the arrival of Sinbad the Sailor, Alice in Wonderland, Gulliver and the Boy Who Could Not Learn to Shiver and Shakes would not have seemed unusual. His was a kingdom that put romance into real life and real life into romance. The Cocos Islands is distinctly an O. Henry land, a place such as Gilbert & Sullivan saw only in fancy, a spot that Robert Louis Stevenson would be loth to leave.

Ross was king, court, government and owner of this group of Indian ocean islands, twenty in all, whose only excitement in history occurred during the present war—the destruction of the German cruiser Emden by the Australian battleship Sydney, off the Cocos' coast.

King Ross was the third of his line. In 1823, an English adventurer named Alexander Hare settled in the islands with a number of slaves given him by an Indian potentate. Two years later Ross, a Scotchman rediscovered the islands and determined to colonize them. He returned in 1827 with a party of Scotch and found Hare in possession. The two factions settled by dividing the islands equally. Finally, however, the natives swore allegiance to Ross and he and his descendants have ruled their story-book kingdom ever since.

Interspersed with palms covered atolls, and flanked by reefs of pink coral, the picturesque little group of islands is more like a scene from a musical comedy than anything else. In 1856 the British government extended protection to the Cocos. I 1885 parliament sent a commission to investigate conditions there. When the British warship with the commission on board steamed into the lagoon at Direction Island, the inhabitants and the king and his court welcomed them just like a comic opera South sea island king would be expected to do.

The palace was thrown open to the Europeans; and the royal family, its salivating Malay servants and their all was at the disposal of the men from civilization.

All the people of the island group are of more than ordinarily powerful physique, muscular and lithe; quite Jack Londonish, in fact. The brown skinned natives speak their own language with a Scottish burr. The white royalty speaks the native tongue too. Even the king himself knew little of the English tongue that his forefathers used. The chief industry is copra and coral gathering. There is no metal money. The king decided at first that money is the root of all evil, so he issued cards and not too many of them. The kingdom is administered on model lines. The king makes his own laws, polices his domain and provides everything for his

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